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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF CAAG MEMBER SMITH

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1. FAA IS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE AIRMEN LICENSING POSITION, INCLUDING INTERVIEWING PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS. HOWEVER, SEQUENTIAL PROCESS MANDATED FOR FILLING RESIDNET POSITIONS MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT NAME OF INDIVIDUAL CAN BE SUBMITTED TO DGCA BEFORE NOVEMBER 1.

2. WHILE FAA WELL AWARE OF DGCA'S AVERSION TO TDY ASSIGNMENTS, IT IS OF OPINION THAT TO SEND AIRMAN LICENSING SPECIALIST ON TDY BASIS WOULD BE BEST COURSE OF ACTION AT THIS TIME. FAA WOULD INTEND SELECT INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS INDICATED A DESIRE FOR RESIDENT ASSIGNMENT AND HAVE HIM IN-COUNTRY WITHIN SHORT TIME. THIS WOULD PROVIDE OMANIS OPPORTUNITY BOTH TO ASSESS HIS TECHNICAL COMPETENCE AND STIMULATE HIS INTEREST IN BEING SELECTED FOR THE RESIDENT GROUP.

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3. EMBASSY WILL RECALL THAT FIRST CONTINGENT OF EMPLOYEES WERE ASSIGNED TO OMAN ON TDY BASIS. FROM ALL REPORTS, THEY MADE SIGNIFICANT AND PRAISEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS TO ADVANCEMENT OF OMAN CIVIL AVIATION WHICH WAS IN ITS INFANCY AT THAT TIME.

4. IF EMBASSY FEELS THAT DGCA WOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO TDY PROPOSAL, IT COULD INFORM HIM THAT ONE OF FAA'S CANDIDATES IS BOEING 737 QUALIFIED AIR CARRIER INSPECTOR (ACI). SALIM BIN NASSER TOLD FAA'S DANIEL MOORE THAT SMOOTH INTRODUCTION OF B-737 INTO GULF AIR FLEET OF VITAL INTEREST. DUTIES OF AIRMAN LICENSING SPECIALIST COULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE B-737 ACI FUNCTIONS WHICH FAA BELIEVES WOULD BE AN INVALUABLE ASSET TO DGCA STAFF.

5. DEPT REALIZES FROM REFTEL (A) THAT EMBASSY HAD OPPOSED

TDY, BUT UNLESS STRONG OBJECTION PERCEIVED WOULD APPRECIATE IT DISCUSSING TDY PROPOSAL WITH DGCA AND REPORTING HIS REACTION. IF FAVORABLE, FAA WILL ATTEMPT HAVE SELECTEE IN OMAN BY OCTOBER 10. KISSINGER

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